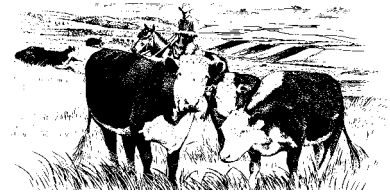


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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 475 thousand head on March 1, 2002, the same as last month, but 8 percent above March 2001. During February, placements of 55.0 thousand head and marketings of 50.0 thousand head remained the same as the previous year. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

were 410 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 662 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 473 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.80 million, 3 percent above 2001, but 12 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 63.0 thousand head during February, 22 percent below 2001 and 19 percent below 2000.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 11.52 million head on March 1, 2002. The inventory was down 2 percent from the 11.70 million head on March 1, 2001, but 2 percent above March 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.81 million, 14 percent above 2001, but 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.74 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 260 thousand, 600-699 pounds

## CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 1 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 9.91 million on March 1, 2002, down 1 percent from the previous year, but 2 percent above March 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.54 million, 16 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Marketings during February totaled 1.53 million, 4 percent above 2001 but 12 percent below 2000. Other disappearance during February was 52,000 head, 19 percent below 2001 but 11 percent above 2000.

## NUMBER OF CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

| State             | Number On Feed February 1 1/ |       |           | Placed During February |       | Marketed During February |       |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
|                   | 2001                         | 2002  | 2002/2001 | 2001                   | 2002  | 2001                     | 2002  |
|                   | 1,000 Head                   |       |           |                        |       |                          |       |
| Arizona           | 302                          | 311   | 103       | 41                     | 26    | 28                       | 26    |
| California        | 445                          | 475   | 107       | 55                     | 55    | 50                       | 50    |
| Colorado          | 1,230                        | 1,180 | 96        | 195                    | 185   | 225                      | 205   |
| Iowa              | 385                          | 395   | 103       | 45                     | 57    | 44                       | 51    |
| Kansas            | 2,500                        | 2,450 | 98        | 335                    | 435   | 350                      | 450   |
| Nebraska          | 2,430                        | 2,290 | 94        | 310                    | 370   | 350                      | 350   |
| Texas             | 2,930                        | 2,850 | 97        | 350                    | 410   | 430                      | 400   |
| Seven-State Total | 10,222                       | 9,951 | 97        | 1,331                  | 1,538 | 1,477                    | 1,532 |

| State             | Other Disappearance During February 2/ |      | Number On Feed March 1 1/ |       | 2002/2001 |
|-------------------|--|------|---------------------------|-------|-----------|
|                   | 2001                                   | 2002 | 2001                      | 2002  |           |
|                   | 1,000 Head                             |      |                           |       |           |
| Arizona           | 8                                      | 1    | 307                       | 310   | 101       |
| California        | 10                                     | 5    | 440                       | 475   | 108       |
| Colorado          | 10                                     | 10   | 1,190                     | 1,150 | 97        |
| Iowa              | 1                                      | 1    | 385                       | 400   | 104       |
| Kansas            | 15                                     | 15   | 2,470                     | 2,420 | 98        |
| Nebraska          | 10                                     | 10   | 2,380                     | 2,300 | 97        |
| Texas             | 10                                     | 10   | 2,840                     | 2,850 | 100       |
| Seven-State Total | 64                                     | 52   | 10,012                    | 9,905 | 99        |

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding

**AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR CALIFORNIA AND U.S. <sup>1/</sup>**

| Commodity                        | Unit | CALIFORNIA    |              |               | UNITED STATES |              |               |
|----------------------------------|------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                  |      | February 2001 | January 2002 | Feb. 15, 2002 | February 2001 | January 2002 | Feb. 15, 2002 |
|                                  |      | Dollars       |              |               |               |              |               |
| All Hay, Baled <sup>2/</sup>     | Ton  | 100.00        | 111.00       | 120.00        | 86.90         | 93.00        | 90.40         |
| Alfalfa, Baled <sup>2/</sup>     | Ton  | 103.00        | 113.00       | 122.00        | 92.90         | 101.00       | 99.50         |
| Hogs <sup>2/ 3/</sup>            | Cwt. | ---           | ---          | ---           | 39.20         | 37.70        | 38.40         |
| Cows <sup>2/</sup>               | Cwt. | 40.50         | 36.00        | 39.50         | 42.80         | 38.00        | 40.70         |
| Steers and Heifers <sup>2/</sup> | Cwt. | 78.00         | 69.00        | 72.00         | 78.70         | 71.20        | 74.10         |
| Calves <sup>2/</sup>             | Cwt. | 95.50         | 91.00        | 91.00         | 109.00        | 102.00       | 104.00        |
| Sheep <sup>2/</sup>              | Cwt. | 38.00         | 30.00        | ---           | 47.50         | 36.20        | ---           |
| Lambs <sup>2/</sup>              | Cwt. | 78.00         | 60.50        | ---           | 80.10         | 65.50        | ---           |
| Milk Cows <sup>4/</sup>          | Head | ---           | 1,800.00     | ---           | ---           | 1,610.00     | ---           |
| Milk Whsle. <sup>2/</sup>        | Cwt. | 11.90         | 12.01        | 11.80         | 13.00         | 13.40        | 13.30         |

<sup>1/</sup> The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

<sup>2/</sup> Previous month revised to monthly average.

<sup>3/</sup> Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

<sup>4/</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

**CALIFORNIA HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 10 PERCENT**

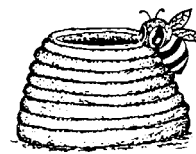
California's 2001 honey production, at 27.6 million pounds, was 10 percent below 2000. Producing colonies totaled 425 thousand, down 3 percent from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 65 pounds, compared with 70 pounds produced per colony in 2000.

**U.S. HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 16 PERCENT**

Honey production in 2001 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 186 million pounds, down 16 percent from 2000. Honey production in 2001 was the lowest since 1989, when 181 million pounds were produced with a yield per colony of only 51.2 pounds. Producing colonies totaled 2.51 million in 2001, down 4 percent from 2000. The yield per colony averaged 74.0 pounds, down 10.1 pounds from the 84.1 pounds in 2000. Colonies that produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 64.8 million pounds on December 15, 2001, down 24 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

**U.S. HONEY PRICES UP 12 PERCENT**

Prices for the 2001 crop averaged 66.9 cents per pound, up 12 percent from the 59.7 cents in 2000. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op, and private channels. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level. Honey prices for 2001 were higher than the previous year for all marketing channels and all color classes, except "All Other Honey, Area Specialties."



**HONEY PRODUCTION FOR TOP FIVE STATES AND U.S. <sup>1/</sup>**

| State              | Number of Colonies |       | Yield Per Colony |      | Production |         | Average Price Per Pound <sup>2/</sup> |      | Value of Production |         |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------|------|------------|---------|---------------------------------------|------|---------------------|---------|
|                    | 2000               | 2001  | 2000             | 2001 | 2000       | 2001    | 2000                                  | 2001 | 2000                | 2001    |
|                    | 1,000              |       | Lbs.             |      | 1,000 Lbs. |         | Cents                                 |      | \$1,000             |         |
| California         | 440                | 425   | 70               | 65   | 30,800     | 27,625  | 59                                    | 67   | 18,172              | 18,509  |
| Florida            | 232                | 220   | 105              | 100  | 24,360     | 22,000  | 54                                    | 62   | 13,154              | 13,640  |
| Minnesota          | 150                | 135   | 90               | 81   | 13,500     | 10,935  | 57                                    | 63   | 7,695               | 6,889   |
| N. Dakota          | 300                | 280   | 115              | 96   | 34,500     | 26,880  | 57                                    | 65   | 19,665              | 17,472  |
| S. Dakota          | 235                | 235   | 121              | 65   | 28,435     | 15,275  | 58                                    | 64   | 16,492              | 9,776   |
| U.S. <sup>3/</sup> | 2,620              | 2,513 | 84               | 74   | 220,339    | 185,926 | 60                                    | 67   | 132,742             | 127,060 |

<sup>1/</sup> For producers with five or more colonies.

<sup>2/</sup> Prices weighted by sales.

<sup>3/</sup> Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during February 2002 totaled 94.2 million pounds (dressed weight), down 12 percent from last month, but 16 percent above February 2001. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In February 2002, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,295 pounds; calves, 168 pounds; and hogs 224 pounds.

### U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER MONTHLY RECORD-LOW FOR VEAL PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.50 billion pounds in February, up 3 percent from the 3.40 billion pounds produced in February 2001.

February 2001 and 2002 both contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 1.99 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, up 1 percent from February 2001. The average live weight was 1,255 pounds, up 38 pounds from February a year ago.

Veal production totaled 14.0 million pounds, 8 percent below February a year ago and a new record-low for February. Calf slaughter totaled 73.0 thousand head, down 7 percent from February 2001. The average live weight was 326 pounds, down 2 pounds from February a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.48 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.50 million head, 1 percent below February 2001. The average live weight was 267 pounds, up 3 pounds from February a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18.0 million pounds, was up 1 percent from February 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 256.1 thousand head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 5 pounds from February a year ago.

January - February red meat production was 7.58 billion pounds, up 3 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 7 percent, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, FEBRUARY 2001-02 1/

| Species and Location     | Number Slaughtered |              | Total Live Weight |                    | Average Live Weight |       |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
|                          | 2001               | 2002         | 2001              | 2002               | 2001                | 2002  |
|                          | 1,000 Head         |              | 1,000 Lbs.        |                    | Lbs.                |       |
| <b>CATTLE</b>            |                    |              |                   |                    |                     |       |
| California               | 77.1               | 89.9         | 97,052            | 116,401            | 1,259               | 1,295 |
| U.S. Total               | 2,580.4            | 2,614.8      | 3,139,330         | 3,281,868          | 1,217               | 1,255 |
| <b>CALVES</b>            |                    |              |                   |                    |                     |       |
| California               | 8.2                | 8.6          | 1,284             | 1,451              | 157                 | 168   |
| U.S. Total               | 78.8               | 73.0         | 25,889            | 23,837             | 328                 | 326   |
| <b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b> |                    |              |                   |                    |                     |       |
| California               | -----              | -----        | -----             | -----              | -----               | ----- |
| U.S. Total               | 245.4              | 256.1        | 35,197            | 35,323             | 143                 | 138   |
| <b>HOGS</b>              |                    |              |                   |                    |                     |       |
| California               | 172.0              | 175.5        | 37,817            | 39,328             | 220                 | 224   |
| U.S. Total               | 7,604.2            | 7,500.0      | 2,005,167         | 1,999,833          | 264                 | 267   |
| <b>RED MEAT</b>          | February 2001      | January 2002 | February 2002     | Feb. 02<br>Feb. 01 | Feb. 02<br>Jan. 02  |       |
|                          | Million Lbs.       |              |                   | Percent            |                     |       |
| California               | 81.0               | 107.2        | 94.2              | 116                | 88                  |       |
| U.S. Total               | 3,399.9            | 4,081.0      | 3,501.1           | 103                | 86                  |       |

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal-inspection and other commercial slaughter, but excludes farm slaughter.

## RED MEAT PRODUCTION IN 2001

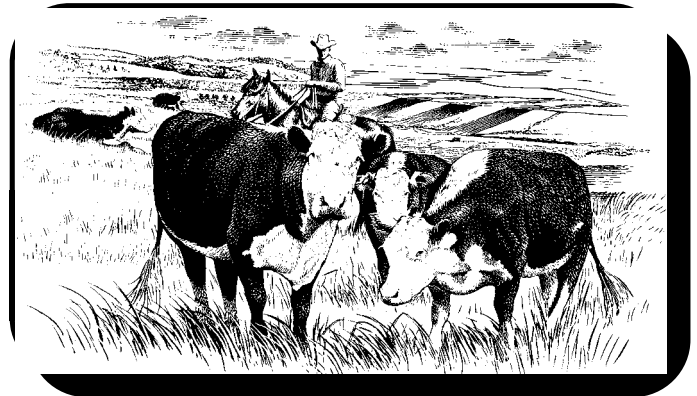
California's production of red meat in commercial plants during 2001 totaled 1.13 billion pounds, 5 percent above last year's production of 1.07 billion pounds. The month of October 2001 had the largest red meat production at 107.2 million pounds.

Red meat production in commercial plants and on farms for the United States totaled 45.7 billion pounds in 2001, slightly lower than the record high set in 2000. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton.

### RED MEAT PRODUCTION BY MONTH 1/

| Month        | CALIFORNIA     |                | UNITED STATES   |                 |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|              | 2000           | 2001           | 2000            | 2001            |
|              | Million Lbs.   |                |                 |                 |
| January      | 88.3           | 96.0           | 3,785.6         | 3,934.7         |
| February     | 83.4           | 81.0           | 3,770.7         | 3,399.9         |
| March        | 94.9           | 93.8           | 4,048.2         | 3,762.3         |
| April        | 79.6           | 87.9           | 3,464.9         | 3,507.5         |
| May          | 89.8           | 93.6           | 3,880.9         | 3,881.7         |
| June         | 90.7           | 92.0           | 3,942.7         | 3,758.7         |
| July         | 83.0           | 91.4           | 3,645.1         | 3,644.7         |
| August       | 95.1           | 101.2          | 4,115.8         | 4,060.5         |
| September    | 88.8           | 89.1           | 3,862.9         | 3,665.7         |
| October      | 97.2           | 107.2          | 4,099.2         | 4,265.1         |
| November     | 92.8           | 101.0          | 3,920.5         | 3,970.1         |
| December     | 90.7           | 97.6           | 3,614.7         | 3,813.6         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,074.3</b> | <b>1,131.9</b> | <b>46,151.4</b> | <b>45,664.4</b> |

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton, but excludes farm slaughter.



### MARKETING-YEAR AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

| Commodity        | Unit | CALIFORNIA |          | UNITED STATES |          |
|------------------|------|------------|----------|---------------|----------|
|                  |      | 2000       | 2001     | 2000          | 2001     |
|                  |      | Dollars    |          |               |          |
| Hogs             | Cwt. | 44.10      | 44.90    | 42.30         | 44.30    |
| Cows 1/          | Cwt. | 35.90      | 38.90    | 37.90         | 40.90    |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt. | 69.80      | 74.10    | 72.30         | 75.10    |
| Calves           | Cwt. | 93.00      | 94.10    | 104.00        | 106.00   |
| Sheep            | Cwt. | 31.50      | 30.20    | 34.30         | 34.60    |
| Lambs            | Cwt. | 79.10      | 67.30    | 79.80         | 66.90    |
| Milk Cows        | Head | 1,490.00   | 1,620.00 | 1,340.00      | 1,500.00 |

1/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.